

Snapshots of the Pilgrim Experience (1Peter 1:3-9)

Proposition: This text reveals snapshots of the pilgrim path that lays before every child of God.

I. A Snapshot of our Past Salvation (Vs. 3-5)

- A. The Begetting of our Salvation (Vs. 3a-b)
- B. The Benefactor of our Salvation (Vs. 3b)
- C. The Benefit of our Salvation (Vs. 4)
- D. The Barricade of our Salvation (Vs. 5)

II. A Snapshot of our Present Season (Vs. 6-7)

- A. A Season of Praise (Vs. 6a)
- B. A Season of Proving (Vs. 6b-c)
- C. A season of Purifying (Vs. 7a-b)

III. A Snapshot of our Precious Saviour (Vs. 8)

- A. Our Beloved Saviour (Vs. 8a-b)
- B. Our Believable Saviour (Vs. 8c-d)
- C. Our Blessed Saviour (Vs. 8e)

IV. A Snapshot of our Promised Sighting (Vs. 7c, 9)

- A. A Reasoned Sight (Vs. 7c)
- B. A receiving Sight (Vs. 9)

Snapshots of the Pilgrim Experiences
(1 Peter 1: 3-9) I have been going thru
and looking at all my digital images
on the computer. trying to sort
them out. I've realized that al-
though these images are specifically
of my family + my children, these are
probably pictures that are pretty
common with many families.
Pictures of a beach, a ball game a
back yard. Pictures of a Christmas
tree, a baby carriage or a carnival
ride, may be very common w/ everyone.
Oh the faces change and the angle or
color is different but its the same
basic snapshot. Well here in our text
the Apostle Peter gives us general
snapshots of the Pilgrim Experience.
Though some of the particulars are
different the general setting is the same.

I. A Snapshot of Our Past Salvation
We used to sing a song called "I'm still
amazed" This snapshot of where we first got
A. The Begetting of Our Salvation
Blessed = good word "Uligizes I've got
nothing but good words to say about a
God that mercifully save a wretch like me.
Born again! Not unto a dead hope but living hope.

B. The Benefactor of Our Salvation

Vs 1 tells us the origin of Salvation. But we see a benefactor is seen in vs 3. We have a lively Hope. This lively hope emboldened the disciples to preach! The resurrection of Jesus!

C. The Benefit of Our Salvation

An inheritance is now apportioned to us. Untainted unspoiled that will not lose its value one iota no matter how long it awaits us. The treasure of men wears & fades but ours

D. The Barricade of Our Salvation (5)

Kept - military term - to guard or protect. How anyone can teach a person can lose their salvation is beyond me. This protection is in response to our faith & faith lays hold

II. A Snapshot of Our Present Season

But look at the present. The Nasty now and now. Everyone endured it and here it is

A. A Season of Praise - The present passage of time is not w/o its joys and praises. No matter what our account of the present says it is to be faced with praise to God and Joy that we have been chosen, begotten, given in the past and presently protected.

B. A Season of Proving - This present life is not w/o its trials & temptations. Trials & testings from God. Temptations and trappings from Satan. These make us heavy & sorrowful! But season! Short

1) ...same from child of God to child of God. I believe this text reveals snapshots of the pilgrim path that lays before every child of God.

2) ...first got on the Pilgrim path, we should never get over.

3) ...but our inheritance will never ever crumble. It is reserved in heaven for you. Reserved means watched observed, protected, guarded. No one can con you out of your heavenly inheritance. I sure am glad that he's watching over it instead of me. I'd have squandered it, borrowed against it lost it by now.

4) ...of God's power to protect. 24-7 my salvation and my inheritance it under to watchful eye of God. Eph 2:8-9. That will be revealed in the last day. I was saved, I am being saved, I will be saved!

1) 2 Corinthians 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

2) Job a man of great sorrows and trials, said of his own testing:
Job 23:10 But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

3) "I read thy Word, O Lord, each passing day, and in the sacred page find glad employ: But this I pray - Save from the killing letter. Teach my heart, set free from human forms, the holy art of reading thee in every line, in precept, prophecy, and sign, till, all my vision filled with thee, thy likeness shall reflect in me. Not knowledge but thyself my joy! - For this I pray."

4) ...spiritual vision. Is it not as thought you have met him in some forgotten moment. Is it not as though you have walked with him in some lost place. "having not seen ye love".

5) John 20:29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

while compared to the expanse of eternally. 2 Cor 4:17 For our light ①
C. A Season of Purifying - This flight of proving is not w/out its causes.

It is for a purifying cause. Much more of worth than mere gold that one day w/ perish. But we like gold in these trials are, heated and broken down to our most vulnerable form, then impurities wiped away. Joh ②

III. A Snapshot of Our Precious Saviour
There are no snapshots of Jesus. But the precious Holy Spirit paints him before our eye ③

A. Our Beloved Saviour - These disciples like John and I have never seen the bodily form of the Lord Jesus. "They never saw the Lord Jesus w/ the physical sense of sight, but, ah, what a vivid portrait of Him did the Holy Spirit paint for them on the canvas of their spirit!" ④

B. Our Believable Saviour - We have believed! We have not seen w/ the physical eye and yet we believe. We have conformed our lives around the witness of the apostles. In 20:29 ⑤

We have placed our full hand trust in him and now we look into Jesus

C. Our Blessed Saviour - There is Joy in Believing. This string of creek words is off the charts. Our

belonging translates into a transcending joy that is so deep + so wonderful that we cannot ever express it. Words utterly fail us. I wonder if he is my

IV. A Snapshot of Our Promised Sighting
The Pilgrim Path does have its culmination, its consummation. That appears

A. A Reasoned Sight-(7c) This sight will put reason on all the trials and temptations that have melted us and refined us. Our purification is so that the reflector of God the father (who is his son) may be seen in the cauldron of suffering. And that all praise and glory would be directed to Jesus at his coming.

B. A Receiving Sight-(9) This is a future portrait, a portrayal of that great day of the return of Jesus Christ. Artists have long tried to depict such a glorious scene to no avail. That's why we can only sing "What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see..." At that sight we will receive the end of our faith which is the eternal

V. Close Snapshots of the Pilgrim Experience. Although the faces and the backgrounds are a little different we should all have them in common. We are missing one of these snapshots.

1) ...trying to relay the utter elation of that glorious mount of transfiguration experience with vs. 8. Oh I tell you the truth, you've got more to shout about than you have to pout about.

2) ...is the eternal salvation of our souls. When our faith shall be turned into sight, then er shall see our glorious resureescted Lord Jesus. Job 19:25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: